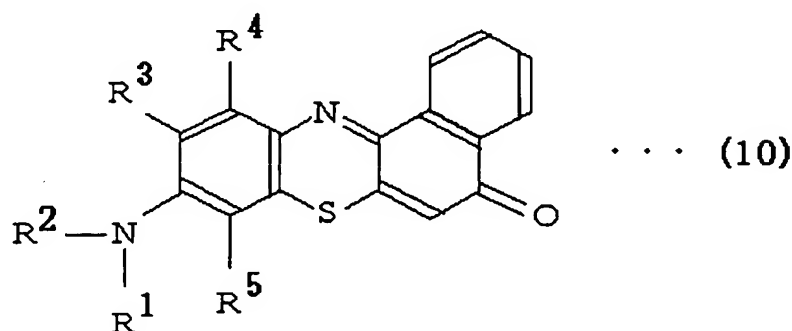


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN  
ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A Nile red luminescent compound emitting red light that has a structure represented by formula (10):



wherein ~~R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, or forms -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>-~~ together with R<sup>3</sup> (wherein the carbon atom of -CR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>- moiety is bound to the benzene moiety of the formula (10), each of R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, and R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> may be the same or different from each other); ~~R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, or forms -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>-~~ together with R<sup>5</sup> (wherein the carbon atom of -CR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>- moiety is bound to the benzene moiety of the formula (10), each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, and R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> may be the same or different from each other); ~~R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen atom,~~ forms -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>- with R<sup>1</sup>, or forms with R<sup>4</sup> a naphthalene ring including as a part thereof the benzene moiety of the formula (10); ~~R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen atom,~~ or forms with R<sup>3</sup> a naphthalene ring including as a part thereof the benzene moiety of the formula (10); and ~~R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen atom, or forms -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>- with R<sup>2</sup>,~~ wherein at least one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is not ethyl group, or at least one of R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> is not a hydrogen atom.

7. (Canceled).